

THE
Jewes **Message**

TO
Their Brethren in **HOLLAND**;

AND

A New Letter touching their further

Proceedings sent from the Kingdom of Scotland: With
the arrive of some of them near *Aberdeen*, in a small
Ship, whose Sails were white branched Sattin,
their Ropes and Tackling Silk of the same
Colour; and their Food on Board only
Rice and pure Honey.

Also, another Letter from **Dr. Serarias**,

to Doctor *Homes*; The Rendezvowing of Sixteen Hundred
Thousand in the *Turks* Dominions; and Threescore Thou-
sand come into Europe; The Great *Turks* sad and fearful
Dream; and strange Miracles performed by the Cap-
tain-General of the *Wandering Israelites*; A Descrip-
tion of their Persons, Habits, and Weapons; the
granting of Liberty of Conscience to all except-
ing *Infidels*; A Prophecy touching the
Downfall of *Babylon* in 66, and the Year
of Reformation for the Gospel to be
preached throughout all
NATIONS.

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*A New Letter sent from Scotland, concerning the further
Proceedings of the JEWS.*

S I R,



Aving received a more full account of the proceedings of the *Jews*, I shall here present you with such *Occurrences*, in this juncture of time, wherein scarce any thing else, is either talkt of, or lookt after, in comparison of them. The whole World we see is out of order, nothing to be expected but Intestine Broils, and whether the Lord will be pleased in the midst of these Combustions to call in his Ancient People, and magnifie his Name in them, He onely knoweth. On the 23 of *October*, by the foulness of the weather and storms, put into *Aberdeen* a Ship, from whence she came, 'tis uncertain; but the Professour of that City, of the Tongues and Languages, having Notice thereof, went down unto them, and by their Discourse perceived they spoke broken *Hebrew*, and bound for *Amsterdam*, as was intimated by a Letter in *High-Dutch*, to have Correspondence with their Brethren (the *Jews*) there: Which Letter further relates, That there is Sixteen hundred thousand of them together in *Arabia*, and that there came into *Europe* Sixty Thousand more; withall, that they have had many Encounters with the *Turks*, defeating several Bodies, and killing many Thousands, none being able to stand against them. They give Liberty of Conscience to all, except the *Turks*, endeavouring the utter Ruine and Extirpation of them. But for the ship, the Sails thereof are white branched Sattin, and all their Ropes are Silk of the same Colour; and in the Sails was this Inscription in fair Red Characters,

These are of the Ten Tribes of Israel.

Which was to discover them to be *Jews*: Their Food on board was onely Rice and Honey: Their Habit [or Cloathing] Black and

Black and Blew. It seems they have sent to most of the chief Cities in the World to their Brethren, to give them Notice of their Proceedings, to the end they may come and joyn with them. The Great Turk having had a Dream, that a Jew had taken the Crown from his Head, resolved to put all to death within his Dominions; but his Council dissuaded him from that Bloody Design. The Jewish Host are said to increase daily, and that many of them believe in the true Messias, and that it was the Saviour of the World that was crucified at Jerusalem.

This was sent in a Letter to Oxford, Dated from Scotland, Novemb. 15. The following Letters were sent from Dr. Serarius, to Dr. Homes, Mr. Bruce, and others.

SIR,

Since my last of the Proceedings of the Israelites, we have had Expresses not onely from Jerusalem, but Tunis also; That this Year no Carrivan is to go to Mecha, by reason the City is believed by the Israelites, who appear in great Numbers, and are said to be sent by the Ten Tribes to be the Fore-runners:

From Jerusalem we have received very good News, and likewise many of our Christian Merchants have received the like from Alexandria, The Particulars of which is, that the Bashaw of Alexandria, with the King of Arabia, made use of a Carravan, that is, an Army of Sixty Thousand Men, and marched toward Mecha, and being within one days Journey of the City, sent out a Troop to take notice how things were, which Troop having seen this People lying in Tents about the Citie. and hearing that they profess themselves to be Israelites, reported this to the Bashaw who for all that resolved to march on with his Forces, and coming within sight of the City, discovered an innumerable Multitude of People coming out of their Centre,

Tents. Whereupon the Turks advanced up against them, gave fire, & discharged several Volleys of round shot; but after a little fighting a panick fear took them and terror seized on them, making them cry out. Who able to fight with these People, seeing our Arrows and Shot return back upon our selves. So the Turks leaving off fighting, returned Home, and the Israelites into their Tents without pursuing them. This Affront caused the Bashaw and King of the Turks, throughout all Egypt and Arabia, to impose on the Jews in all their Dominions, a new Tax five times greater then it was before. And the Bashaw, the better to inform himself what this People were sent ten Jews to them who found them to be Israelites, and that they spake Hebrew, saying, they were sent before to remain at Meka till the rest of their Brethren came, for that the time was now come, that they should return unto their own Land of their Fore-fathers, which others had usurped and taken from them. Another Letter saith, that the Commander of Meka sent 4 Troops to oppose them, but not one returned and that divers Caravans and great Bodies have bin wholly defeated by the said Israelites; and that twelve thousand Turks coming from a City called Metai; near Meka. were also routed, and eight thousand slau upon the place, their own Swords and Muskets turning against themselves. Of the ten Jews that were sent, six remained with their Brethren, and but 4 returned to the Turks. As for the great Prophet in North-Skiltos, Doctor Collonest hath bin at his House in a Town called Long-Ditch, where he heard these things out of his own Mouth that in the Year 1661. he meditated on the Scriptures speaking of the Latter Times;

as *Math. 24. Isay 24. Jer. 50. Ezek. 28. Dan. 7.* It hapned, that he being awake in his Bed near Morning he heard a distinct Voice telling him, that Babylon was to fall in 66, and that at Midnight, even as it hapned to Belshazer; and that Her fall would cause such a Terror and Consternation to fall upon Men that from that time untill 70, there would be a stand in Divine worship, and many Judgments would fall on divers Cities and Towns, whereof some would suddenly be swallowed up, and Long-Ditch ruined, and few escape; yet notwithstanding he hath no freedom to return. But in the Year 71, there will be some Meetings again though no Communion held all that time, onely a beginning of Practice: But in 72, there will be a full Communion and Restitution of the Apostolical worship. And then will the Gospel be preached througout the whole world.

This is the substance of a Letter sent to Doctor Homes.

From Saley in Barbary, August 16. 1665.

Worthy Sir,

THE Tidings of the 13. of July, concerning the March of our Brethren, the Ten Tribes of Israel, is now from several places confirmed to us, all Things being so full of wonder, that for some few days we cou'd scarcely believe, or give credit to it, from the City of *Sau*, otherwise called *Santa-Crew*. But now We have certain Information, that they are on the side of the Desert, and move from several places to the said Desert Goth of Mo-

ness, being not far from *Cape de Ver*, but more within the Land. And they appear daily more, and more in great Multitudes, having suddenly and unexpectedly manifested themselves, covering a vast *Tract* of Ground, and consisting of about eight thousand Companies or *Troops*, each of which containing from one hundred to a thousand Men.

They who went thither to see and enquire who they were, found them to be Strangers, and an unknown People, whose Language they understood not, onely some few of their Commanders speak *Hebrew*. Their Arms are Swords, Bows, Arrows, and Lances, each Man being well-armed therewith, but no Guns at all. They have for their Chief Leader, or Captain, a *Holy Man*, who understandeth all Languages, and marcheth before them, doing Miracles.

These, with several of their Actions, were all related to me by a Convert *Rabby*, who has been discoursing amongst them and hath affirmed it by an Oath, upon the *Vow of the Law*.

But in Confirmation of all which, here are now arrived several Gentlemen of good repute and Credit, who relate, passing by the Places above-mentioned, That they understood the same *Things*, which the *Rabby* and others, who had seen them before, had related, and many *Things* more; amongst the rest, that this unknown People were come from the Mountainous Countreys in the Wilderness, and were advanced as far as *Medbanas*. There is a certain Jew in the City of *Saw*, who hath testified and declared, that he hath seen the People called *Israelites*, and going amongst them, discoursed with many of their Commanders in *Hebrew*, but understood not the Language of

of the great Multitude: yet withall heard of others, that
 that several of them spake the *Holy Tongue*; and that what-
 soever gotth to contend with this People in Battle, was
 presently vanquished, and slain.

They have already possessed themselves of several Pro-
 ces and Cities, putting all the Inhabitants to the Sword,
 the Jews onely excepted. They are a People of a middle
 stature, their Bodies comely, their Complexions fair.
 This Party saw no Woman amongst them, nor any other
 Arms, besides those above-mentioned; their Horses are
 many, their Attire blew, and their Tents black. From
 the aforesaid City of *Sav*, the whole Host of them might
 be plainly and distinctly viewed the whole Week; and
 might see their Fires and Smoak ascending; but on the
 Sabbath, neither of both could be discerned throughout
 the whole Camp, or Host.

Several of them being commanded up to a Mountain
 on the rising of the Sun, to sound the Trumpet; and then all the
 Nations to be gathered into one Universal Church: this
 Leader is of an extraordinary discerning Spirit, born no so-
 ner doth he see a Man, but he knoweth his Mind; and the
 thoughts of his Heart; meeting them with very much hu-
 mility and respect. And coming to a River not Forde-
 ble, he consulted with his Officers, and unanimously re-
 solved to implore the assistance of God by Prayer and Penitence,
 to deliver them, as he had done the People of *Sav*, from the
 hands of the Heathen. And when they of the tribe
 of *Levi* had made known to him, that he was the Son of the
 Virgin, to be the Saviour of the World, whereupon, so great and wonderful a Work
 was wrought, that the ground was immediately divided
 so far as that the whole Army, and the whole Army
 marched over even as it were upon dry Land.